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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTION: UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:
"UNILATERAL COERCIVE MEASURES"

REF: OCTOBER 20 2009 UNGA 3C DRAFT RESOLUTION

1.(U) 1. The Department instructs USDEL to call a vote, if necessary, and vote no on the resolution entitled "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures."

12. (U) Mission is also instructed to convey an Explanation of Vote (EOV) upon casting the United States' vote based upon the following text:

"We call a vote on this resolution because we believe it has no basis in international law and does not serve the cause of advancing human rights. We reiterate the principle that it is the responsibility of states to protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms of their citizens. The text of the resolution is a direct challenge to the sovereign right of States to freely conduct their economic relations and to protect legitimate national interests, including taking related actions in response to national security concerns. It also attempts to undermine the international community's ability to respond to acts that are offensive to international norms. Unilateral and multilateral sanctions are a legitimate means to achieve foreign policy, security and other legitimate national and international objectives, and the United States is not alone in that view or in that practice."

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